

Fig. 4. Same; side view of subtending bract-like leaf with its sepals, lower and upper bracts, calyx, wing, and a glimpse of the keel. Fig. 5. *Stylosanthes elatior* Swartz. Perfect, but infertile flower, furnishing only the pollen, a side view. Fig. 6. Female flower, consisting only of an ovary; the two bracts shown below. Fig. 7. *Oenothera linearis* Michx. with aberrant forms of petals. Bristol, Florida.

BRIEFER ARTICLES.

Bibliography of American botany.—The following circular has recently been sent to botanists and we desire to aid in giving it the widest publicity. See also editorial comment, p. 467.

“One item recommended by the Committee on Bibliography of the Madison Botanical Congress is an author catalogue of current works on American botany. To secure this, Dr. N. L. Britton, editor of the *Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club*, kindly offered to change the monthly ‘Index to literature relating to American botany’ to the form recommended.

“Dr. Britton has experimented with details of form and typography and also, as planned, has experimented in reprinting the titles on regular index cards. He estimates that these cards will number nearly 1000 per year and that if the number of subscribers is sufficient, the series for 1894 can be supplied for five dollars.

“The cards will be of extra heavy linen ledger paper, accurately cut and the titles will be exact reprints of the matter that appears each month in the *Bulletin*, which will enable subscribers to keep the entire series in a single alphabet and to incorporate it with other indexes if they wish.

“This is the first step toward accomplishing the plans recommended by the Committee, and it is hoped that it will meet the approval and support of American botanists.

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